

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of  
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Group Art Unit: 2109

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SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING  
NETWORK SECURITY**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2007. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

This response is considered to include a constructive petition for a one-month extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the time period for responding to June 20, 2007. The Patent Office is authorized to charge the one-month extension fee, plus any other fee that is owed in connection with this response, to Deposit Account No 08-3038, referencing Docket No. 02453.0020.NPUS00.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.